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## **REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.112**

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Sir:

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This is a response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 1999. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and entry of the following amendment.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 41, 43, 48, 51, 56, 58, 63, 65, 71, 73, 78, 80, 86, 88 and 93 as follows:

Claim 41, line 2, before "mg to about 0.15", delete "0.0004" and insert --0.00004--.

Claim 43, line 7, before ", vitamin E", delete "-0" and insert therefor --C--.

Claim 48, line 2, before "mg to about 0.15", delete "0.0004" and insert therefor --0.00004--.

Claim 51, line 3, before "patient", delete/-s-aid" and insert therefor --said--.

Claim 56, line 2, before "mg to about 0.15", delete "0.0004" and insert therefor --0.00004--.

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